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A/SY - VHDIKEOS

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS IMMEDIATE

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INFORM CONSULS FROM A/SY

E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: LETTER BOMB
MOSCOW,BONN,LONDON,BRUSSELS,PARIS-STATE ADV SECURITY DETAIL
1. ON MARCH 22, AMERICAN EMBASSY TRIPOLI RECEIVED LETTER
BOMB ADDRESSED TO THE AMBASSADOR. BOMB WAS SUCCESSFULLY
DEFUSED BY POSTAL AUTHORITIES.

2. SIMILAR LETTERS, BUT WITHOUT EXPLOSIVE, HAVE BEEN
RECEIVED AT EMBASSIES ATHENS, KABUL, WELLINGTON, AND
REYKJAVIK.

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3. THERE MAY WELL BE OTHER LETTERS IN THE INTERNATIONAL
POSTAL SYSTEM ENROUTE TO OTHER U.S. DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS.
THEREFORE, ALL POSTS ARE WARNED TO BE ON THE ALERT FOR
THIS TYPE LETTER AND TO IMMEDIATELY TURN IT OVER TO LOCAL
POSTAL AUTHORITIES IF IT IS RECEIVED. IF POSSIBLE, TAKE
PICTURES OF ENVELOPE BEFORE TURNING IT OVER TO AUTHORITIES.
WHEN RETURNED TO MISSION, PLEASE POUCH LETTER TO A/SY/CC.

MISSION MAILROOMS AND FSLE EMPLOYEES SHOULD ALSO BE ALERTED TO THE DESCRIPTION OF THE SUSPECTED LETTER.

4. LETTERS FORWARDED TO A/SY FROM RECIPIENT POSTS ARE UNIQUE AND EASILY IDENTIFIABLE. DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) ENVELOPE, PLAIN OR HOLIDAY INN LOGO, 4 INCHES BY 7.5 INCHES. (NOTE - TRIPOLI REPORTS ENVELOPE TO BE 3.25 INCHES BY 6.25 INCHES.)

(B) ALL LETTERS MAILED FROM NEW YORK CITY OR NEWARK, NEW JERSEY.

(C) ALL ADDRESSED IN BLUE OR GREEN BALLPOINT OR FELT TIP PEN (BOTH COLORS USED ON EACH) TO U.S. AMBASSADOR, COUNTRY, EMBASSY OF U.S., CITY AND COUNTRY.

(D) ALL POSTMARKED MARCH 7, P.M.

(E) ALL CONTAIN TWO 31 CENT U.S. AIRMAIL STAMPS IN FORM OF U.S. FLAG, BLUE FIELD IN UPPER LEFT CORNER, RED AND WHITE STRIPES, WITH TWO GLOBES AND AIRCRAFT NOSE SUPERIMPOSED.

(F) ALL CONTAINED POLICE PICTURES (FRONT AND PROFILE) OF YOUNG NEGRO BOY WITH IDENTIFIER BOARD STATING "POLICE DEPARTMENT, ROCKY MOUNT, N.C., 7322, AND DATE 7/20/46."

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(G) SENDER IS FOND OF RUBBER STAMPS. ALL ENVELOPES AND CONTENTS STAMPED WITH RUBBER STAMPS SUCH AS, QUOTE NEWARK LIBRARY, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, U.S. TREASURY COUNTERFEIT BILLS, HARVARD GREEN RESTAURANT END QUOTE AND ASSORTED OTHER STAMPS.

(H) 3 INCH BY 5 INCH LUGGAGE CLAIM TICKET TAPED TO BACK OF ENVELOPE BY THE TAG'S STRING.

TERRORISTS HAVE MAILED AND DELIVERED EXPLOSIVES DISGUISED AS PACKAGES, BOOKS AND LETTERS. MOST OF THESE DEVICES HAVE UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS. ITEMS OF MAIL SHOULD BE CAREFULLY EXAMINED FOR ANY SUSPICIOUS FEATURES IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

1. LOOK. LOOK AT THE MAIL ITEM FOR THE FOLLOWING FEATURES:

- IS IT FROM A STRANGE PLACE OR AN UNKNOWN OR UNUSUAL SENDER?

- IS THERE A RETURN ADDRESS?
 - IS THERE AN EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF POSTAGE STAMPS AFFIXED TO THE ITEM?
 - IS THE SIZE OF THE ITEM ABNORMAL, EXCESSIVE, OR UNUSUAL?
 - ARE THERE STAINS ON THE ITEM?
 - ARE WIRES OR STRINGS PROTRUDING OR ATTACHED TO THE ITEM IN AN UNUSUAL LOCATION?
 - IS THE ITEMS MARKED CONSPICUOUSLY WITH THE RECEIVER'S NAME, THAT IS, "EYES ONLY FOR MR. SMITH," "CONFIDENTIAL FOR MR. SMITH," OR "PERSONAL FOR MR. SMITH?"
 - IS THE SPELLING ON THE ITEM CORRECT?
 - IS THE ITEM MARKED IN ANY UNUSUAL OR STRANGE MANNER? (IF THE ITEM IS MARKED AS A CLASSIFIED DOCUMENT, ASSURE IT IS CORRECTLY MARKED IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING OFFICIAL PROCEDURES.)
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- IS LETTER OR PACKAGE CONTAINING AN INNER LETTER OR PACKAGE ADDRESSED TO A PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL OR TIED WITH STRING?
 - DOES THE RETURN ADDRESS AND POSTMARK DIFFER?
 - DOES THE HANDWRITING APPEAR UNUSUAL OR OF A FOREIGN STYLE NOT USUALLY ENCOUNTERED?
2. SMELL. DOES THE ITEM SMELL PECULIAR? MANY EXPLOSIVES UTILIZED BY TERRORISTS SMELL LIKE SHOEPOLISH, ALMONDS, OR MARZIPAN.
3. WEIGHT.
- IS THE ITEM UNUSUALLY HEAVY OR LIGHT?
 - IS THE ITEM UNEVEN IN BALANCE OR LOPSIDED?
4. FEEL.
- CAREFULLY FEEL THE ITEM TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS AN ODD-SHAPED OBJECT ENCLOSED OR IF THERE IS A SPRINGINESS IN THE TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES.
 - DETERMINE IF THERE IS A STIFFENING MATERIAL IN THE ENVELOPES. SUCH STIFFENING COULD CONTAIN A SPRING-LOADED STRIKER.
5. IF AVAILABLE, UTILIZE A METAL DETECTION DEVICE FOR SCREENING MAIL.
6. IF X-RAY EQUIPMENT INSTALLED AT POST, PERSONNEL TRAINED IN USE OF MACHINE MAY WISH TO X-RAY ITEM RATHER THAN TURN IT OVER TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES. TO PROTECT AGAINST POSSIBLE X-RAY ACTIVATED DETONATOR, ITEM SHOULD

FIRST BE RADIATED BY THE MACHINE ACTIVATED BY REMOTE

(LONG WIRE) SWITCH. AFTER INITIAL SAFE RADIATION, ITEM MAY BE VIEWED ON X-RAY SCREEN.

7. ISOLATE ANY SUSPECT LETTERS OR PACKAGES. DO NOT

IMMERSE THEM IN WATER; THIS MAY MAKE THE PAPER SOGGY AND
CAUSE SPRING-LOADED DEVICES TO DETONATE. IF POSSIBLE,
CAREFULLY PLACE ITEM IN AN EMPTY, OPEN SAFE DRAWER, OR
ROOM (OPEN WINDOWS) AND EVACUATE THE IMMEDIATE AREA.
8. WHENEVER YOU SUSPECT THAT LETTERS OR PACKAGES CONTAIN
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AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE, ALWAYS NOTIFY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
PERSONNEL IMMEDIATELY. OPENING OR TAMPERING IN ANY WAY
WITH SUSPECT LETTERS OR PACKAGES SHOULD BE ATTEMPTED ONLY
BY AN EXPERT.
CHRISTOPHER

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Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 30-Mar-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
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Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: JPERDEW:SC
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
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Litigation History:
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Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
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Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
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Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3080002
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
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TAGS: ASEC
To: ALL POSTS
Type: TE
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